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**Chairman Shays to Hold Hearing on
September 11th Health Effects**

(Washington, DC) -- Congressman Christopher Shays (R-CT), Chairman of the Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats, and International Relations, will convene an oversight hearing September 8 to examine the status of efforts to assess health effects from the September 11th attack on the World Trade Center, and the programs in place for monitoring health and providing assistance to victims.

Three years after September 11, 2001 questions remain about the short and long term health effects of the attack on the World Trade Center. While air monitoring results from various government agencies found only a limited amount of samples with elevated levels of toxins, many workers, volunteers and fireman at the World Trade Center sites experienced respiratory symptoms while working at Ground Zero and continue to experience symptoms.

The hearing, *"Assessing September 11th Health Effects,"* will be held on Wednesday, September 8, at 10:00 a.m., in room 2247 of the Rayburn House Office Building in Washington, D.C.

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"Assessing September 11th Health Effects"
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